

To whom it may concern:

When I first heard of the so-called broadcast flag proposal, I was sort of shocked. While this is the same government that gave us the DMCA, the FCC in recent times has been relatively reasonable in regards to balancing commercial and consumer interests. This proposal very clearly lacks this balance, strongly favoring commercial industry at the cost of consumer freedom.

I strongly believe in freedom, individual liberty. Limiting my ability to develop new technology in order to protect misguided corporate interests is the antithesis of what I expect from the United States, especially the current FCC.

My belief is that if the interests that desire copy protection cannot create secure methods on their own, then they are the ones that lose, and the federal government should not be responsible for keeping them happy by making it a felony to possess technology that does not comply with them. Secure methods are possible, and it is the purveyors of the protected content that are responsible for ensuring that the content remains protected, NOT THE GOVERNMENT'S.

I strongly urge the the regulators to reconsider the ruling, and to support freedom over commercial interest. We live in a land of great liberty, and it is sad when liberties are steadily removed by interests other than that of the people's. Content providers are free to impliment whatever technology they see fit to impliment, I should be too.

Thank you for your time,
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